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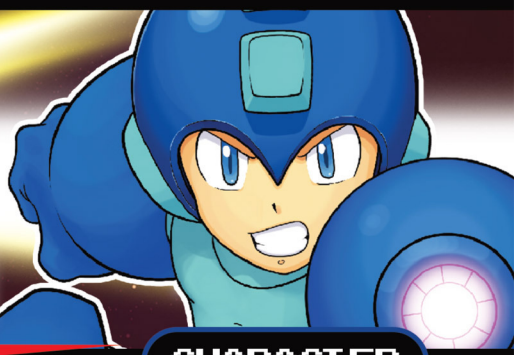
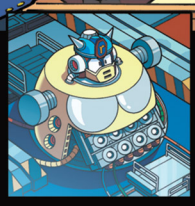


PREVIOUSLY...

The Hunt is On!

Recently, Mega Man's greatest enemy – Dr. Wily – was cleared of all criminal charges and wrongdoing. The mad doctor seemed to clean up his act and together he and his life-long rival, Dr. Light, unveiled the new peacekeeping robot, Gamma.



But then eight seemingly rogue Robot Masters struck, stealing the Energy Elements crucial to Gamma's functions. Mega Man has been on the hunt ever since and after an epic battle with the titanic Wily Walker, our hero has finally gotten a lead!

But restoring Gamma could be **the biggest mistake that Mega Man will ever make...**

CHARACTER SELECT

MEGA MAN
SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT

TOP MAN
ROGUE WILY ROBOT MASTER

SNAKE MAN
ROGUE WILY ROBOT MASTER

DR. WILY
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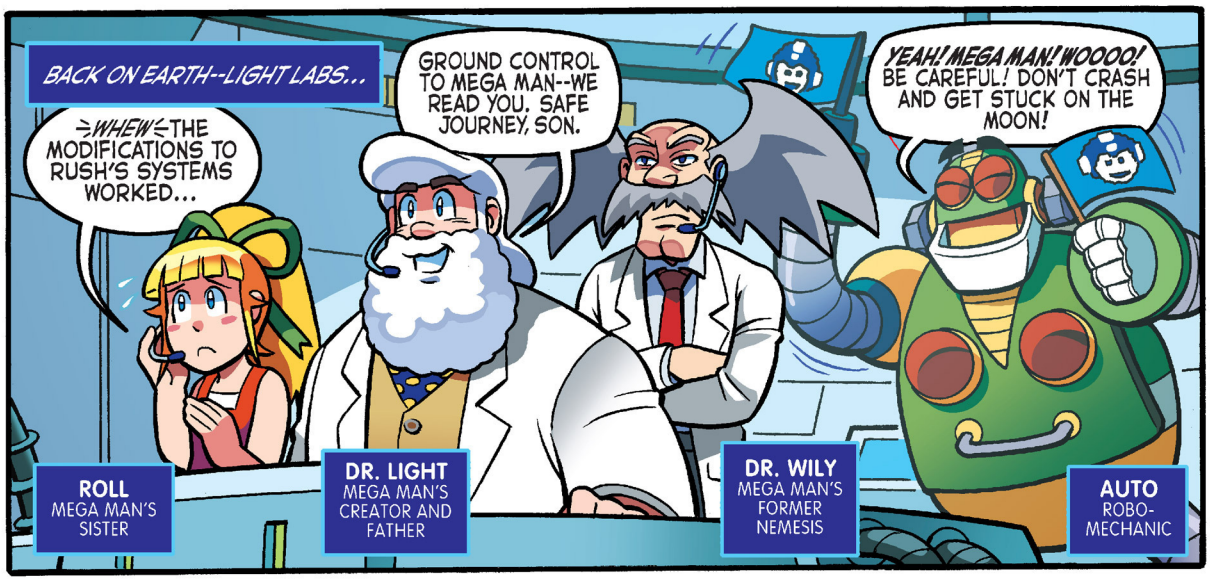
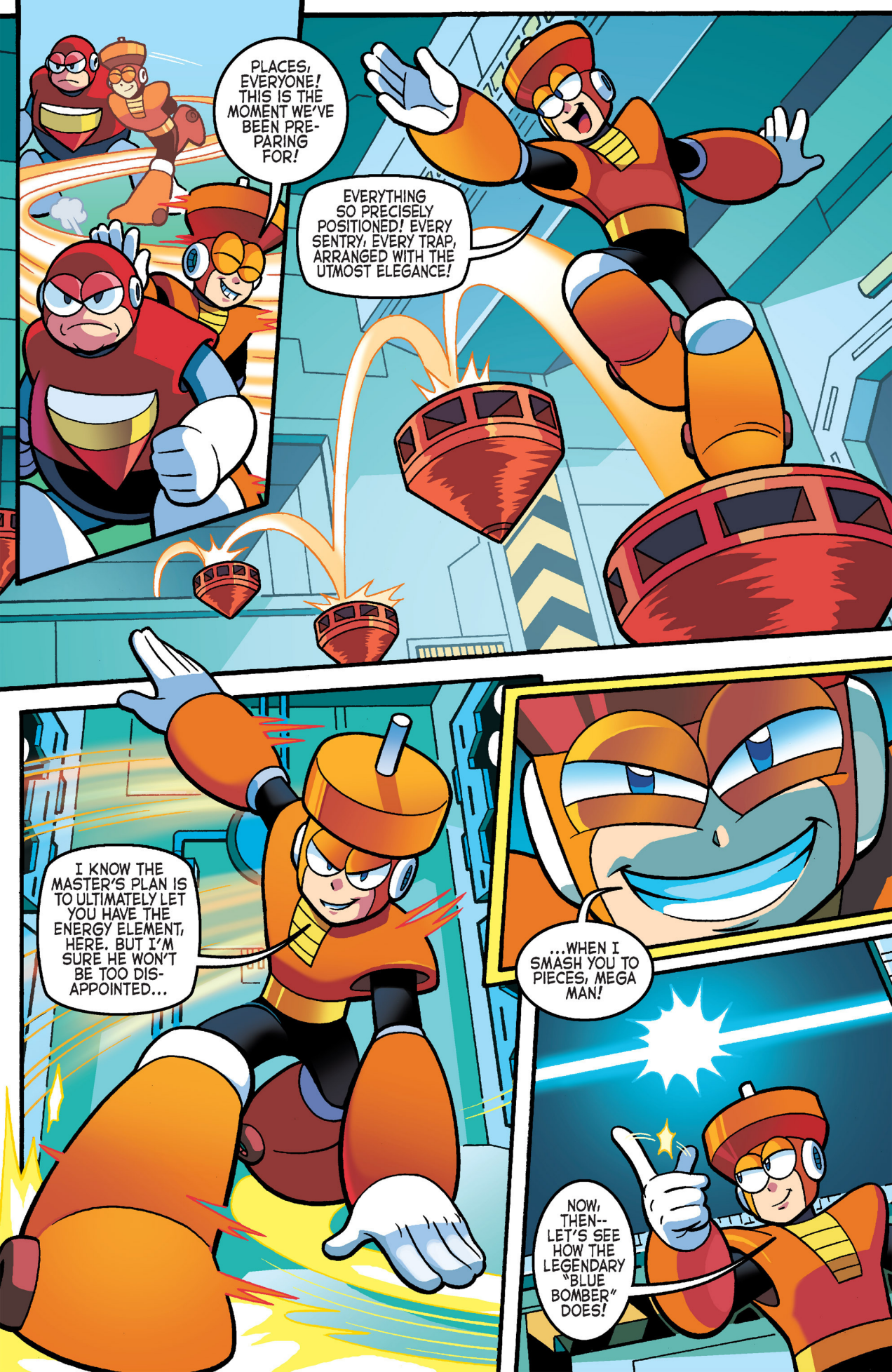
Part One: WITH GRACE, WITHOUT FEAR
MEGA MAN TO GROUND CONTROL! THE LAUNCH WAS SUCCESSFUL--
--WHAT A RUSH!
ARF!
HAHA-- YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN! WE'RE EN ROUTE TO THE FIRST MISSING ASTEROID NOW!
MEGA MAN THE BLUE BOMBER
RUSH IN "RUSH SPACE" MODE


BACK ON EARTH--LIGHT LABS...
=WHEW= THE MODIFICATIONS TO RUSH'S SYSTEMS WORKED...
GROUND CONTROL TO MEGA MAN--WE READ YOU. SAFE JOURNEY, SON.
YEAH! MEGA MAN! WOOOO! BE CAREFUL! DON'T CRASH AND GET STUCK ON THE MOON!
ROLL MEGA MAN'S SISTER
DR. LIGHT MEGA MAN'S CREATOR AND FATHER
DR. WILY MEGA MAN'S FORMER NEMESIS
AUTO ROBO-MECHANIC

COME-COME--MEGA MAN HAS TRIUMPHED OVER MANY A ROBOT MASTER ALREADY. I'M SURE HE'LL BE FINE.
ALL THE SAME--GOOD LUCK UP THERE, BOY.
OR NOT! THIS WILD ROBO-GOOSE CHASE IS A RISKY GAMBIT!
MY NEW FORTRESS, BREAK MAN'S MISSION, MY OWN PROJECT HERE...IT'LL BE CLOSE EVEN IN THE BEST SCENARIO!
"YOU'LL EITHER GATHER ALL THE ENERGY ELEMENTS AND ENABLE MY MASTER PLAN...
"...OR ONE OF MY 'ROGUE' ROBOT MASTERS WILL FINALLY DESTROY YOU!"

ABOARD THE HYDROPONICS ASTEROID...
BOO-DEET! BOO-DEET!
TOP MAN
DWN-021 HIGH-VELOCITY, GYROSCOPIC-STABILIZED ROBOT MASTER
(GREAT AT PLANNING AHEAD, BUT SOMETIMES PUSHES HIS LUCK...)
AH-HA-HA! AT LAST! TIME TO GET THINGS ROLLING!


PLACES, EVERYONE! THIS IS THE MOMENT WE'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR!
EVERYTHING SO PRECISELY POSITIONED! EVERY SENTRY, EVERY TRAP, ARRANGED WITH THE UTMOST ELEGANCE!
I KNOW THE MASTER'S PLAN IS TO ULTIMATELY LET YOU HAVE THE ENERGY ELEMENT, HERE. BUT I'M SURE HE WON'T BE TOO DISAPPOINTED...
...WHEN I SMASH YOU TO PIECES, MEGA MAN!
NOW, THEN-- LET'S SEE HOW THE LEGENDARY "BLUE BOMBER" DOES!

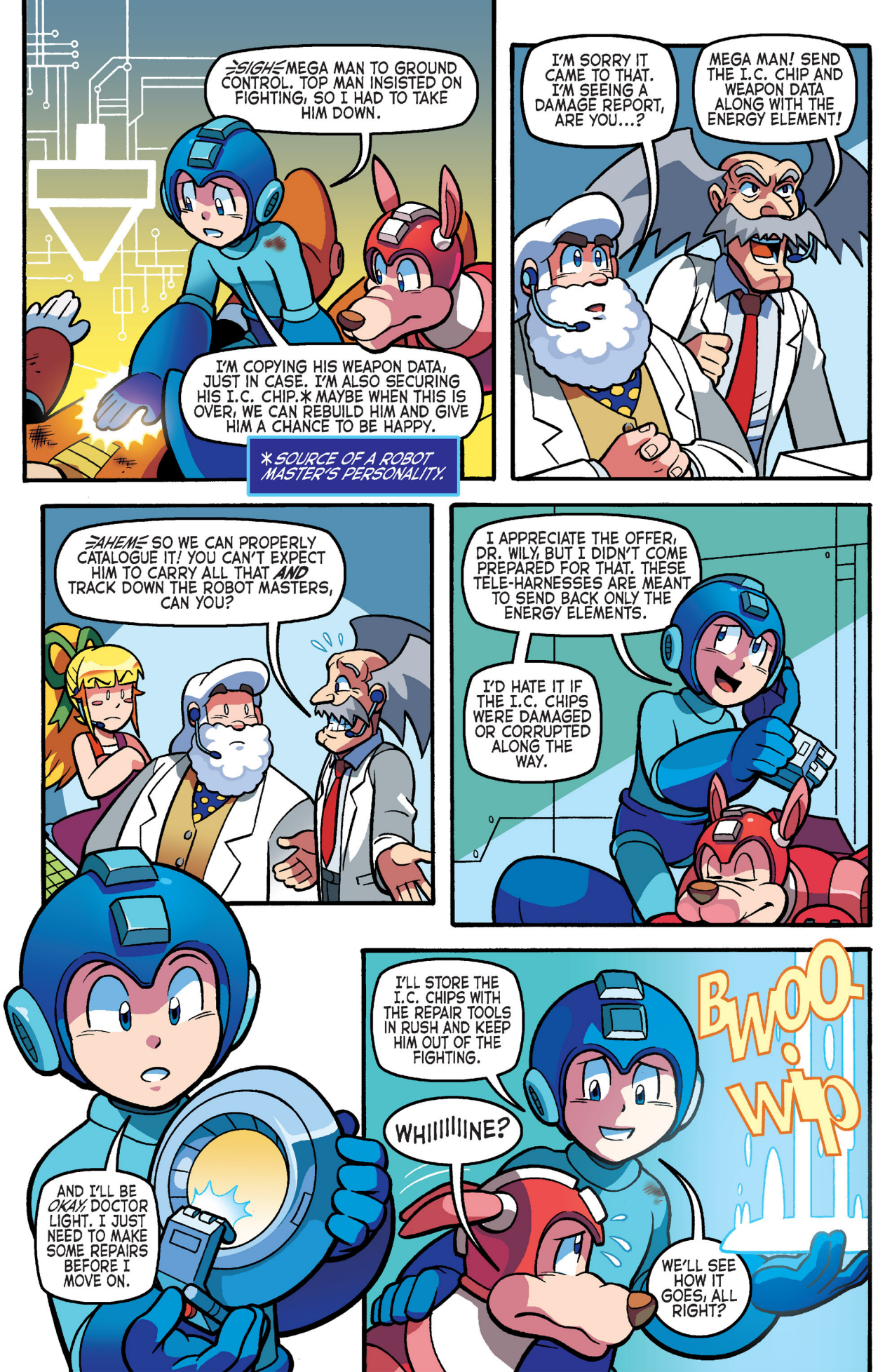
WELL. THAT'S RATHER... BLUNT.
N-NO...THERE'S A PATTERN TO IT! YOU...YOU CAN'T JUST FLAIL AT THEM!
THAT'S *NOT* HOW YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO IT!
YOU *CAN'T* BYPASS THOSE! YOU'RE *MISSING* THE *ENTIRE POINT!*

CLICK-WHRRR
WHRRR-CLUNK!
TOP MAN! I'VE COME FOR THE ENERGY ELEMENT YOU STOLE.*
WE DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT. RA MOON IS DEAD--HE WON'T CONTROL YOU ANY-MORE.
PLEASE--LET'S SETTLE THIS PEACE-FULLY. TELL ME WHY YOU WENT ROGUE. WE CAN FIND YOU A NEW PURPOSE ON EARTH, JUST LIKE DR. LIGHT INTENDED.
*MEGA MAN #36.
Y'KNOW, SO FAR YOU'VE DISAPPOINTED ME. I MEAN --YOU TOOK DOWN THE LIGHT NUMBERS? AND WILY'S FIRST LINE?
I DUNNO--I GUESS I WAS HOPING FOR MORE THAN SOME THUG KID WITH MORE FLAIR THAN "RUN FORWARD AND SHOOT."
WE'RE CENTER STAGE NOW, MEGA MAN! DON'T DISAPPOINT ME NOW!
LET'S DANCE!!!

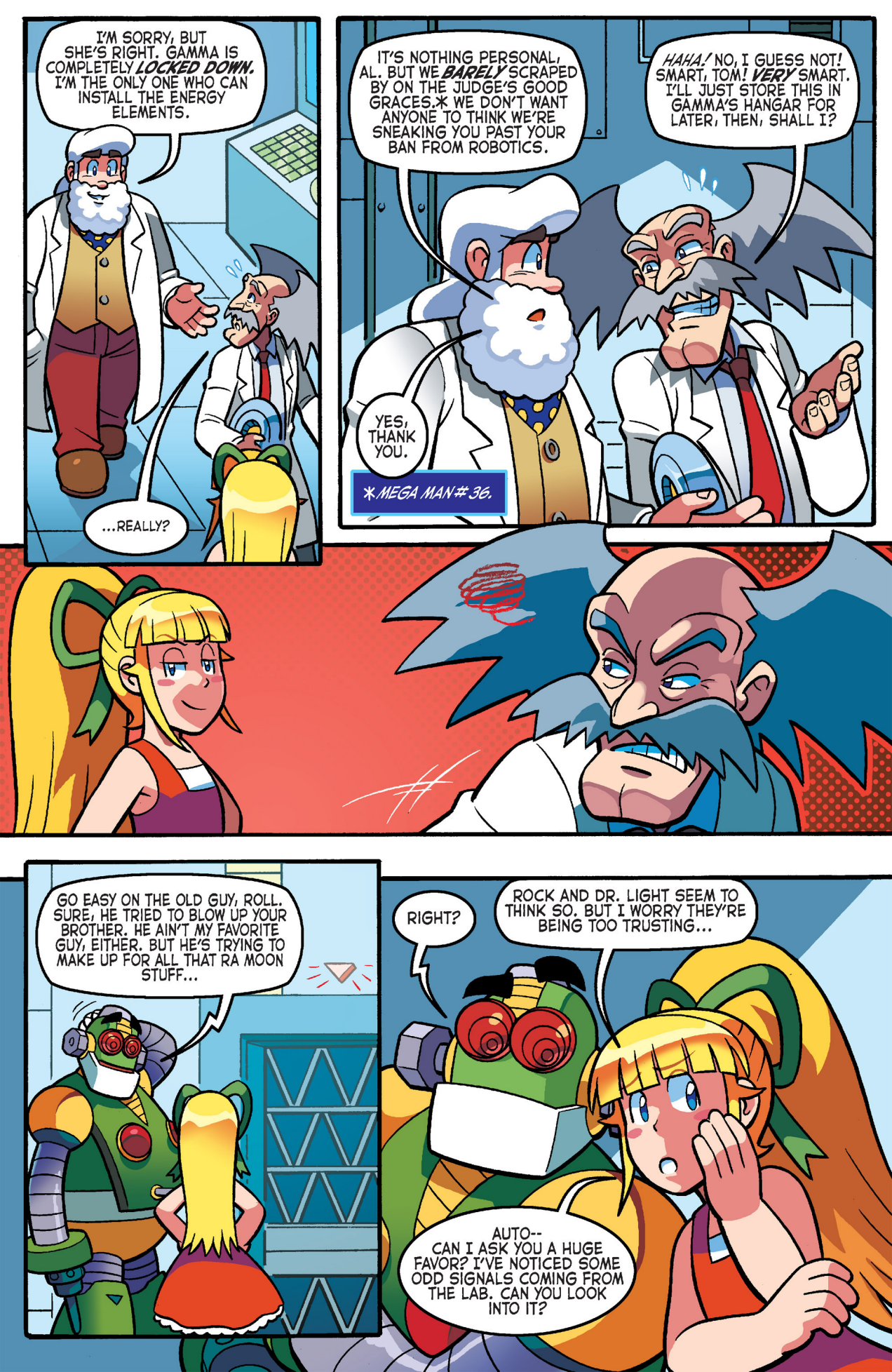
I'M GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO SURRENDER! DON'T MAKE ME--!
SKLUNK!
GAH!
BLAM!
BLAM!
PING!
PING!
PING!
--HURT YOU?
AWWW, C'MON! THIS IS THE LEGENDARY BATTLE ROBOT? THIS IS HOW YOU BEAT ALL THE OTHERS?!
C'MON! SHOW ME SOME MOVES!

THAK!
BOOM!
BOOM!
RUSH! NOW!
WHAT--?!
DON'T JUST DODGE AND GLARE AT ME! DO SOMETHING UNIQUE! SOMETHING UNPREDICTABLE!
CHOMP!

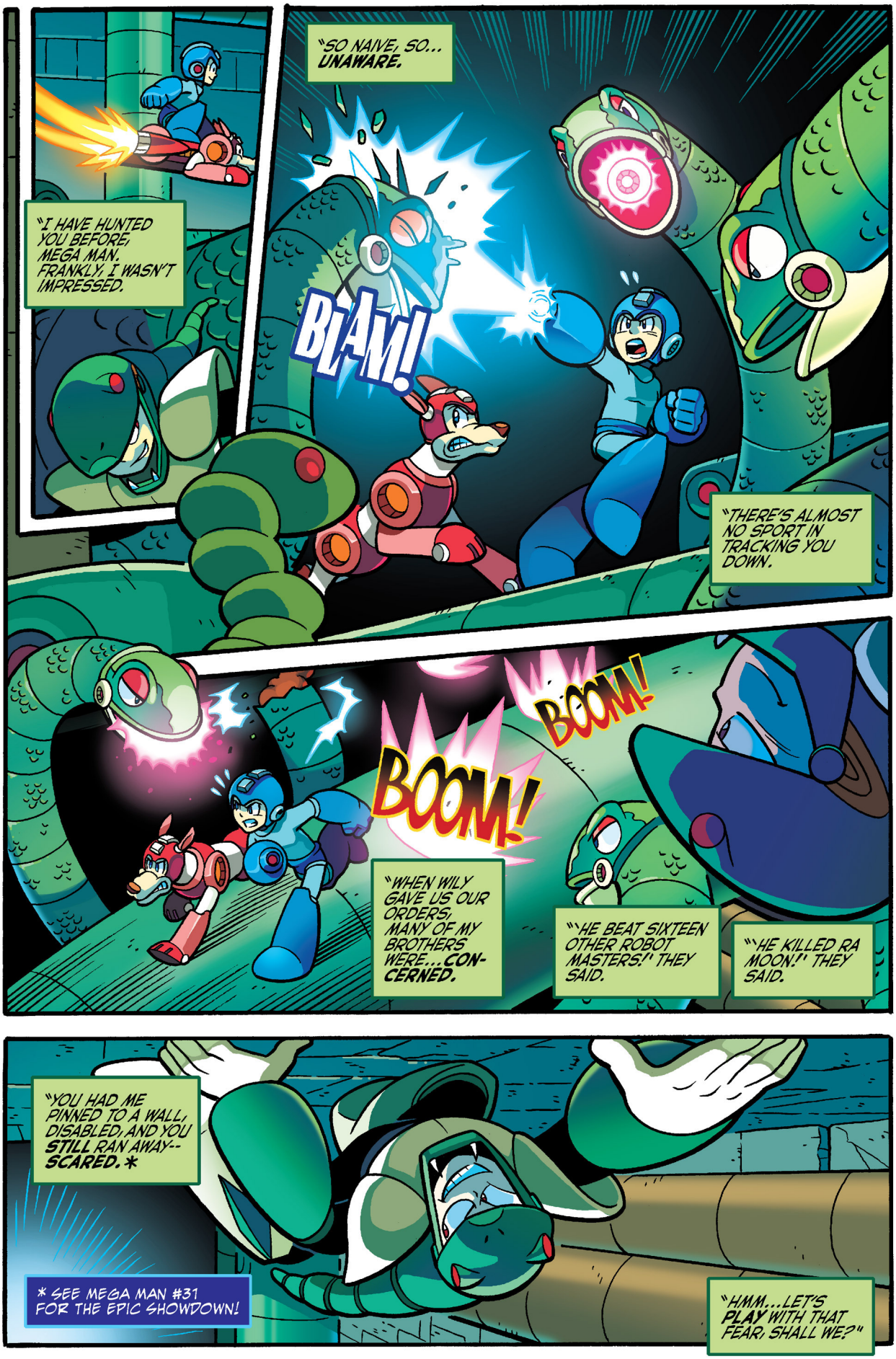
BLAM!
CLANG!
...I GET IT NOW... THAT'S WHAT THEY TRIED TO WARN ME ABOUT...A SIMPLE ELEGANCE...
...NOT FLASHY... JUST BEAUTIFULLY EFFICIENT...
...TRULY LEGENDARY...


SIGH MEGA MAN TO GROUND CONTROL. TOP MAN INSISTED ON FIGHTING, SO I HAD TO TAKE HIM DOWN.
I'M COPYING HIS WEAPON DATA, JUST IN CASE. I'M ALSO SECURING HIS I.C. CHIP.* MAYBE WHEN THIS IS OVER, WE CAN REBUILD HIM AND GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO BE HAPPY.
*SOURCE OF A ROBOT MASTER'S PERSONALITY.
I'M SORRY IT CAME TO THAT. I'M SEEING A DAMAGE REPORT, ARE YOU...?
MEGA MAN! SEND THE I.C. CHIP AND WEAPON DATA ALONG WITH THE ENERGY ELEMENT!
AHEM SO WE CAN PROPERLY CATALOGUE IT! YOU CAN'T EXPECT HIM TO CARRY ALL THAT AND TRACK DOWN THE ROBOT MASTERS, CAN YOU?
I APPRECIATE THE OFFER, DR. WILY, BUT I DIDN'T COME PREPARED FOR THAT. THESE TELE-HARNESSES ARE MEANT TO SEND BACK ONLY THE ENERGY ELEMENTS.
I'D HATE IT IF THE I.C. CHIPS WERE DAMAGED OR CORRUPTED ALONG THE WAY.
AND I'LL BE OKAY, DOCTOR LIGHT. I JUST NEED TO MAKE SOME REPAIRS BEFORE I MOVE ON.
I'LL STORE THE I.C. CHIPS WITH THE REPAIR TOOLS IN RUSH AND KEEP HIM OUT OF THE FIGHTING.
WHIIIIIIINE?
BWOO WIP
WE'LL SEE HOW IT GOES, ALL RIGHT?

BWOO-WIP
MAIL CALL!
HAHAHA! AT LAST! ONE DOWN, SEVEN TO GO!
THAT'S ONE STEP CLOSER TO GETTING GAMMA BACK ONLINE. ONE STEP CLOSER TO PROTECTING THE WORLD.
YOU KEEP AN EYE ON OUR LITTLE BLUE HERO, THOMAS! I'LL GO INSTALL THE ENERGY ELEMENT INTO GOOD OL' GAMMA!
YOU CAN'T!
YOU BEG MY PARDON ?


I'M SORRY, BUT SHE'S RIGHT. GAMMA IS COMPLETELY LOCKED DOWN. I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN INSTALL THE ENERGY ELEMENTS.
...REALLY?
IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL, AL. BUT WE BARELY SCRAPED BY ON THE JUDGE'S GOOD GRACES.* WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO THINK WE'RE SNEAKING YOU PAST YOUR BAN FROM ROBOTICS.
HAHA! NO, I GUESS NOT! SMART, TOM! VERY SMART. I'LL JUST STORE THIS IN GAMMA'S HANGAR FOR LATER, THEN, SHALL I?
YES, THANK YOU.
*MEGA MAN #36.
GO EASY ON THE OLD GUY, ROLL. SURE, HE TRIED TO BLOW UP YOUR BROTHER. HE AIN'T MY FAVORITE GUY, EITHER. BUT HE'S TRYING TO MAKE UP FOR ALL THAT RA MOON STUFF...
RIGHT?
ROCK AND DR. LIGHT SEEM TO THINK SO. BUT I WORRY THEY'RE BEING TOO TRUSTING...
AUTO-- CAN I ASK YOU A HUGE FAVOR? I'VE NOTICED SOME ODD SIGNALS COMING FROM THE LAB. CAN YOU LOOK INTO IT?

"I NEED TO STAY WITH DR. LIGHT AND HELP HIM WATCH OVER MEGA MAN."
SOON--ON AN ABANDONED MINING ASTEROID...
SNAKE MAN
DWN-022
SEARCH, SEEK AND SPYING ROBOT MASTER
(ENJOYS CORNERING HIS PREY A BIT TOO MUCH...)
BOO-DEET!
AHH...GOOD. HE'S HERE. THIS IS ALMOST TOO EASY ...BUT I'LL FIND A WAY TO ENJOY IT!


"I HAVE HUNTED YOU BEFORE, MEGA MAN. FRANKLY, I WASN'T IMPRESSED.
"SO NAIVE, SO... UNAWARE.
BLAM!
"THERE'S ALMOST NO SPORT IN TRACKING YOU DOWN.
BOOM!
BOOM!
"WHEN WILY GAVE US OUR ORDERS, MANY OF MY BROTHERS WERE... CONCERNED.
"'HE BEAT SIXTEEN OTHER ROBOT MASTERS!' THEY SAID.
"'HE KILLED RA MOON!' THEY SAID.
"YOU HAD ME PINNED TO A WALL, DISABLED, AND YOU STILL RAN AWAY-- SCARED. *
* SEE MEGA MAN #31 FOR THE EPIC SHOWDOWN!
"HMM...LET'S PLAY WITH THAT FEAR, SHALL WE?"

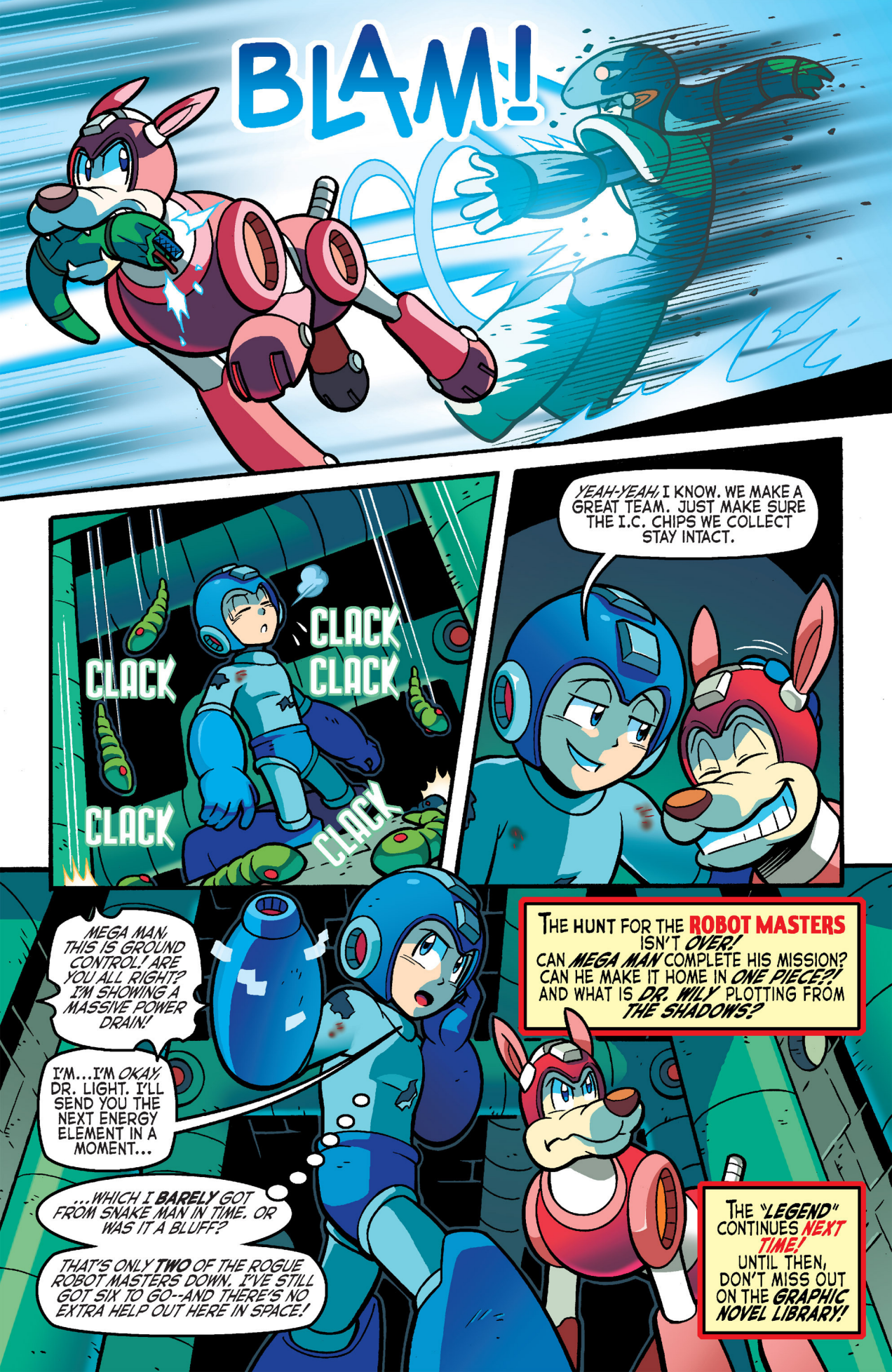
HELLO, MEGA MAN. YOU SHOULD HURRY.
"YES, YOU CAN COPY OUR WEAPON DATA. YES, YOU'VE HAD AN INEXPLICABLE NUMBER OF VICTORIES...
"...THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT HE'S A LITTLE BOY PLAYING AT WAR."
...SHOULD HURRY. IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF THE ENERGY ELEMENT SHATTERED. ALL YOUR FATHER'S WORK, ALL YOUR FIGHTING--FOR NOTHING!
N-NO! DON'T! FORGET THE SNAKES, RUSH, WE NEED TO--!
CHOMP!
GRRR!
"...BUT THE FOOL LEFT THE CHILDISH COMPASSION INTACT!"
HANG. BACK.
"I'VE TOYED WITH HIM ENOUGH. IT'S TIME TO END THIS FARCE."
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF IMPORTANT STUFF IN YOU. MORE IMPORTANTLY--I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET HURT!
"DOCTOR LIGHT MAY HAVE PUT A BUSTER ON THE CHILD'S ARM...
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!

"I'VE CONTROLLED EVERY ASPECT OF THIS ENCOUNTER.
"DRIVEN HIM TO A PANIC...
"BROKEN HIS FOCUS.
"IN NATURE, THE SNAKES WAIT PATIENTLY AS THE PREY BLUNDERS INTO RANGE...
"...AND THEN THEY STRIKE!"
SH-KING!

"THE SNAKES OF NATURE COIL AROUND THEIR PREY...
SNAP!
"...AND CRUSH THE LIFE OUT OF THEM!
"AND IN NATURE, THE SNAKES--
WEAPON EQUIP: TOP SPIN!
"--THE SNAKES..

"SO HE ALREADY DEFEATED TOP MAN--SO WHAT?
"HE WAS THE WEAKEST OF US! ANYONE COULD'VE TAKEN TOP MAN OUT!
"I STILL CONTROL THE SCENARIO! I HAVE FROM THE START!
"MEGA MAN DIES!
"HERE!
"NOW!"
SLAM!

"NO! I--!
AUGH!
BLAM!
"--I...!
"...I WAS THE FOOL. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
"I WAS NEVER THE HUNTER HERE...
"...I WAS THE HUNTED!"


BLAM!
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
YEAH-YEAH, I KNOW. WE MAKE A GREAT TEAM. JUST MAKE SURE THE I.C. CHIPS WE COLLECT STAY INTACT.
MEGA MAN, THIS IS GROUND CONTROL! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I'M SHOWING A MASSIVE POWER DRAIN!
I'M...I'M OKAY, DR. LIGHT. I'LL SEND YOU THE NEXT ENERGY ELEMENT IN A MOMENT...
...WHICH I BARELY GOT FROM SNAKE MAN IN TIME. OR WAS IT A BLUFF?
THAT'S ONLY TWO OF THE ROGUE ROBOT MASTERS DOWN. I'VE STILL GOT SIX TO GO--AND THERE'S NO EXTRA HELP OUT HERE IN SPACE!
THE HUNT FOR THE ROBOT MASTERS ISN'T OVER! CAN MEGA MAN COMPLETE HIS MISSION? CAN HE MAKE IT HOME IN ONE PIECE?! AND WHAT IS DR. WILY PLOTTING FROM THE SHADOWS?
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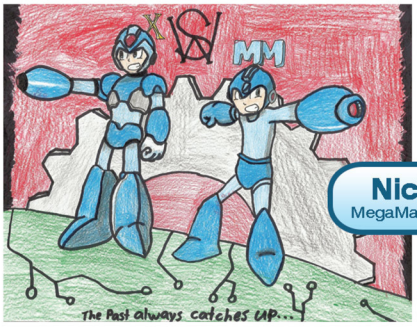

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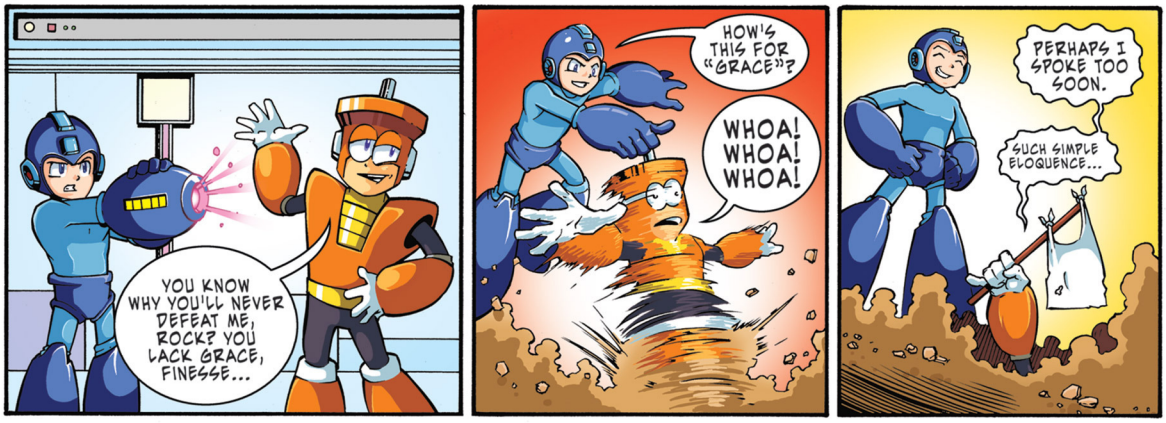
YOU KNOW WHY YOU'LL NEVER DEFEAT ME, ROCK? YOU LACK GRACE, FINESSE...
HOW'S THIS FOR "GRACE"?
WHOA! WHOA! WHOA!
PERHAPS I SPOKE TOO SOON.
SUCH SIMPLE ELOQUENCE...

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Dear Mega-Mail,
Let me start off with this: these comics are awesome! They're actually what got me into the Mega Man series! Keep up the good work!

Hello! That's Mega-great to hear!

My favorite comic so far is #17. I loved the scenes with no dialogue, and the overall backstory was incredibly well done, even though I wanted to bang my head against a wall since Blues wouldn't go back home. And please tell Blues this: If you do not go to Light Labs soon, I will find you and drag you there myself!

**Sincerely,
Sarah S. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com**

Thanks for the letter, Sarah! Blues sure is stubborn! Now that he's allied himself with Dr. Wily, there's no telling what could happen next!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I really loved Mega Man #38 because it really fleshed out X as a 'bot who cared for men and androids.

We're eager to dive further into the X story and its characters! Let us know if you would like to see more of the X universe in your fan-letters!

When Xander Payne was time-traveling you could really tell that he was afraid of Mega Man, the Robot Masters and their creators.

Xander can't stand technology that can think for itself. He won't rest until he's shut down all advanced robotics once and for all, even if that means using the technology he hates to his advantage!

What is that thing-a-majig Dr. Cain was holding in Dr. Wily's Lab. And can I be Pharaoh-Man's #1 fan?!

**Nathan G. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com**

Thanks for writing in, Nathan! If you haven't read the whole story yet it may be better if I keep that for you to find out by reading Mega Man #40! I now gladly appoint you as Pharaoh Man's #1 fan!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hi there! I've been busy catching up with all of the Mega Man comics so far and I am incredibly impressed. Fans continually praise your respect for the series and its characters and I second that! It's so refreshing to see content which doesn't simply re-tell the games but adds a rich backstory and universe on top of them. The character development is top notch as well -- I find myself loving and hating Dr. Wily simultaneously, he's taken self absorption and scheming to new heights!

Haha! I totally get that!

The character I'm most impressed with is Proto Man -- the origin story and issue #35 in particular were done exceptionally well and I wanted to thank you for creating such a wonderful story with such a tragic and complex character! Keep up the great work!

**Regards,
Raj D. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com**

Thank you for the praise, Raj! We appreciate your kind words and hope you enjoy what's yet to come!

We'll see y'all next time for more "Legends of the Blue Bomber"!

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